

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add the following new claims, 21-28.

1.-20. Cancelled

21. (Added) A multi-layer package for enclosing an aqueous liquid having an oxygen content, the package comprising:

at least one oxygen-scavenging layer comprising a polyamide and cobalt in an amount of at least 200 ppm in the polyamide and wherein the package enclosing the liquid has an oxygen-removal rate greater than an oxygen-removal rate of a dry package.

22. (Added) A multi-layer composition comprising:

an oxygen-scavenging layer comprising a polyamide and cobalt in an amount of at least 200 ppm in the polyamide; and

a structural polymer layer positioned adjacent the oxygen-scavenging layer, wherein the structural layer is permeable to water.

23. (Added) A method of removing oxygen from an aqueous liquid having an oxygen content comprising:

providing a package having a wall comprising at least one oxygen-scavenging layer comprising a polymeric composition; and

selecting a thickness of the wall to achieve a reduction in the oxygen content.

24. (Added) The method of claim 23, wherein the oxygen content is reduced over a period of at least 3 months.

25. (Added) The method of claim 23, wherein the thickness selected enables reduction of an initial oxygen content of 100 ppb to a concentration of less than 50 ppb.

26. (Added) The method of claim 25, wherein the reduction in oxygen content begins within 2 days.

27. (Added) The method of claim 23, wherein the oxygen content is reduced at a rate of at least 50 ppb/day.